Fort Area of Amritsar. Cases of selling or letting out encroached land to others have not come to the knowledge of the Ministry of Defence.

(d) The future policy in regard to these occupations in being worked out in consultation with DGDE, Army Headquarters and the State Government.

[Translation]

His Holiness Dalai Lama's Political Activities

3324. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL :
SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA :
DR. VALLABH BHAI KATHIRIA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Bharath Se Dalai lama Ko Gathividhi Ki Ijazath nahi" that appeared in Hindi daily "Hindustan" dated November 18, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) whether the Prime Minister had given any assurance to Chinese Premier during this visit to Rome in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) to (d). Prime Minister met the Chinese Premier Li Peng in Rome on 16 November, 1996. During their discussions which covered a number of Subject, Prime Minister informed the Chinese Premier that the position of the Government of India on Tibet and His Holiness, the Dalai Lama, remain unchanged.

[English]

ICDEOL, Shimla

3325. SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether an International Centre for Distance Education and Open Learning is being run under the aegis of Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla;

(b) whether students have to pay exorbitant amount for completion of the formalities even for that which are not of their interest; and

(c) if so, the action, the Government propose to take to ameliorate the entire working of the ICDEOL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of Sabha.

Epidemic Diseases

3326. SHRI B. DHARMA BIKSHAM : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of epidemics hunted Delhi during the last three years;

(b) the number of deaths due to Plague; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken to prevent the recurrence of these disease in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Outbreaks of epidemic diseases in Delhi which have been investigated during 1994-96 are as under :

	1994	1995	1996
Acute G.E. including Cholera.		2	-
Jaundice	1	3	3
Viral Fever	1	-	-
Dengue	-	-	1
Chicken Pox	1	-	-
Plague	1	-	-
Malaria	1	-	1

(b) One death due to Plague was reported in Delhi during 1994.

(c) Necessary assistance in the form of investigation, understanding the spread of the disease and laboratory support were provided. A National Apical Advisory Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Union Health Secretary to formulate a nation-wide disease surveillance network. The action points envisaged under the disease surveillance scheme are collection and flow of information, strengthening of laboratory diagnostic services, networking of centres and continuous monitoring of disease prevalence.

Employment for Burma Repatriate

3327. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that Burma Repatriate having valid documents and duly sponsored by Employment Exchange for Group 'C' & 'D' posts in the Rajendra Memorial Research Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi are being discriminated against for employment; and

(b) if so, the corrective measures Government propose to take in this regard?